THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. Necessary rectification and ruggedisation have been carried out. Full-fledged preparatory trials will be carried out in summer 2006.

(b) Production of Arjun Tank is continuing at Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF), Avadi as per production schedule. Tanks will be handed over to the Army after the trials in summer 2006.

Phone Tapping

†930. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meting of CEOs of all public and private telecom companies, was convened by Union Home Minister some time back;

(b) if so, the agenda of the meeting and decisions taken therein;

(c) number of telephone-tapping incidents involving private telephone companies; and

(d) names of the companies against which action has been taken so far and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Only one instance of unauthorized tapping of Shri Amar Singh, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha, has come to the notice of the Government. The Delhi Police has registered a case in this regard and a charge sheet has also been filed in this case.

Tapping of Phones of Members of Parliament

931. SHRI ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received complaints from the Members of Parliament about the tapping of their telephones;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.